

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 30 and 36-39 are pending in the present application. Claim 30 is amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to a recording medium storing nonfunctional descriptive material, and Claims 36-39 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

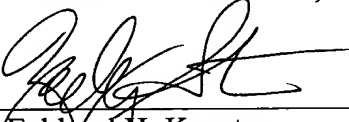
Regarding the rejection of Claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, Claim 30 is amended to more clearly indicate an information storage medium which when used by a digital recorder/player causes the digital recorder/player to record or reproduce a content of the information storage medium that includes the audio recording area and the management area. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit amended Claim 30 includes statutory features and accordingly requests the rejection of Claim 30 be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit independent Claims 30 and 36-39 are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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